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REMARKS

During the period from 20 January to 2 August 1953 [redacted] along Marianske Lazne (N 60/P 56) airfield [redacted] aircraft were parked there and [redacted] the field had a grass cover. There was a large building with a vaulted roof. During the same period, jet aircraft with the Czech nationality marking and considerably swept-back wings were seen flying in elements of twos over the airfield and its vicinity. The aircraft shot down balloons coming from the west on 18 July 1953. They lost altitude near the airfield and apparently landed there. In March 1953, a jet aircraft with straight wings almost perpendicular to the fuselage was observed approaching for a landing at the field.

Comment. It is not believed that an air force unit is stationed at Marianske Lazne airfield which is probably too small for jet fighters. The MiG-15s with Czech nationality markings observed aloft probably belong to the air force units stationed at Pilsen or Eger airfields. The jet observed landing in March 1953 probably was a Yak-15.

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